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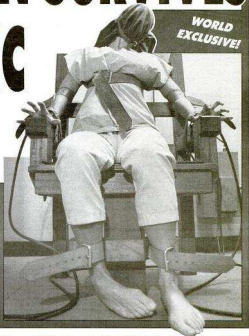
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**This outraged pet lover charges:**

# My roommate cooked my cat and made me eat it!

**BOB MITCHELL** couldn't believe his little kitten was the main course.



**AARON AUSTIN** at his arraignment on several charges.

## A drunk's just a drunk — by any name

Ben Franklin was fascinated by all the words and expressions people used to describe drunks. He included dozens of them in his *Dictionary of the Language of the Drunk* in the mid-1700s. Here's a sample:

- He's addled.
- He sees the bears.
- He's cherry merry.
- He's halfway to Concord.
- He's cooked.
- He's got a brain eye.
- He's eaten a toad and a half for breakfast.
- He's glazed.
- He's scalded his head pan.
- He's been to France.
- He's lost his rudder.
- He's swamped.
- He's oiled.
- He's loaded his cart.
- He sees two moons.
- He's as dizzy as a gossamer.
- He's top heavy.
- He's dipped his bill.

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Take one tender kitten, crush its skull and remove skin, head and little paws. Pat liberally with butter and sprinkle with salt, pepper, garlic and oregano to taste. Cook in hot oven till done. Serve on platter — to unsuspecting roommate!

That's the nauseating recipe 19-year-old Aaron Austin reportedly used when, according to roommate Bob Mitchell, he savagely killed a 2-month-old kitten and cooked it in the oven like a pot roast.

The Lowell, Mass., teen pleaded innocent when he was arraigned on a felony charge of unlawfully killing an animal and a companion charge of cruelty to animals.

**By DICK DONOVAN**

Austin is also charged with assault and battery for force-feeding Mitchell a piece of his cooked pet!

Mitchell, who owned two litter-mate kittens as house pets, said he came home one night to find Austin roasting something in the oven. He said Austin told him they were "having out for dinner."

"He had something brown in a pot roast pan," Mitchell said. "I was covered with butter, oregano and garlic. I said to myself, 'That's gotta be chicken.'"

Mitchell left the kitchen, but returned a few minutes later. He said Austin had the "roast" on the table.

"Aaron had the whole cat on a plate and was eating it," Mitchell said. "Even then, it

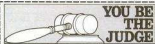
was hard to tell what it was. "It was on the back and there were no paws. They were broken off. You could see the bones sticking out of the meat."

"Aaron said it was rabbit and he shoved a fork into my open mouth. I was chewing before I knew it. Then I swallowed. That's when I realized what it was."

"I sort of blanked out the taste, but it was very tender, the way a kitten should be. Its muscles weren't developed yet."

Mitchell said he later found parts of the dead kitten in the garbage. The next day, he took his other kitten to the Lowell Humane Society for safe keeping.

And that's when the horrifying act of cruelty came to light!



If Aaron Austin is found guilty of butchering and cooking a helpless kitten and forcing its pet-lover owner to eat it, what should be his punishment? Mail your responses to Cat-Killer Poll, Weekly World News, 600 S. East Coast Ave., Lantana, Fla., 33462.

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"When Robert came in with the other kitten, he was asked, as a matter of routine, why he was putting it up for adoption," Society Director Al Davidson told THE NEWS.

"His answer was, 'I don't want it to be eaten by my roommate like its brother was.'"

At that point, all hell broke loose.

The charges against Austin were filed by the Society.

At his arraignment, Austin said that he had checked himself into a rehabilitation clinic. His case has been delayed to await a report of his treatment.

# Silicone Shindig

By SUSAN JIMISON

Cops are searching for a woman they say held a "silicone party" in a lady's living room last spring — and gave six flat-chested gals injections to make their breasts bigger!

The woman, Sookie Ricketts, 42, was practicing medicine without a license, according to police using the dangerous procedure. One of her patients became deathly ill, cops say.

"A woman got a serious infection and almost died from it," said Lt. Richard Redding of the Colorado Springs Police Department. "The injections have been banned in the United States since the 1970s."

"Apparently Mrs. Ricketts travels around the country doing this."

"A local person makes contacts with women who want the procedure and sets up the 'party' and then calls in the women to give the injections," he said.

Lt. Redding said six women paid thousands of dollars each to gather at a private home for the injections last May. At the Tupperware-type get-together

## Flat-chested gals get risky breast implants at living-room parties!

they were given a shot of opaque industrial-grade silicone directly into their breasts to make them larger.

Similar shots were used in the U.S. decades ago, but doctors found the silicone spread, clumping up after injection, moving to other parts of the body and sometimes causing horrifying infection. Doctors now insert contained bags of silicone under the skin for the same effect.

"The woman who became infected already had part of one breast through a partial

mastectomy," said Lt. Redding. "We heard about it when her husband called police."

"She had gotten a serious infection across her chest and almost died and he was so upset he wanted us to pursue it. The woman wanted to look better and now she has permanent injuries."

"We just want to warn people so it doesn't happen to anyone else."

WAS THAT A SHAMPOO AND RINSE... OR JUST A WASH JOB?



## Blundertaker!

You'd think undertaker Tor Iversen could lay off the booze long enough to give a 72-year-old man a proper burial — but you'd be wrong.

Iversen and his assistant were so smashed they nearly dropped the old man's coffin loading it into the hearse for the trip to the cemetery.

"The hearse was weaving all over the road. He was hunking and waving to friends as he passed by having a good old time," said Sonja Iversen, daughter of the dear departed.

## Just for kicks

Budding stuntist Mary Ann Wyman keeps her fire form in line with sports workouts. The little lass especially enjoys kick boxing, martial arts and motorcycling.

"He looked like he was carrying a load of apples instead of my father."

Iversen and his assistant passed out just as the hearse pulled into the cemetery southeast of Oslo, Norway.

"We had to unload the coffin and carry it to the gravesite," said Sonja's husband, Ingvor.

"In our moment of grief we had to conduct the service, even to the point of lowering the coffin into the grave."

The grief-stricken family called police after the cemetery service. Iversen and his assistant were charged with public drunkenness.

The Sverresen plan to file a damage suit against Iversen.

"We scraped together \$4,000 to give my father a proper burial and the undertaker turned it into a circus," said Sonja.

## A washout

A rocky college kid tried to earn a cop out of a ticket by saying he was going 100 m.p.h. along a highway to blow-dry his just-washed car.

"I've been known to let motorists off if they can give me an outrageous or funny reason for speeding, but I just didn't like this guy's looks," said Officer Nick Fabro.

The young student was forced to park his convertible and accompany officer Fabro to the police station in Naples, Italy. He was charged with speeding and resisting arrest.

— RICK TRACY

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# TOT KILLED IN CAR CRASH AFTER EERIE PREDICTION

By **DICK DONOVAN**  
Staff writer

Three-year-old Garrett Hayes told his Sunday school teacher, "In two weeks I'm going to be with Jesus" — and 16 days later he was killed in a horrific highway accident!

"He must have known something was going to happen," Sunday school teacher Sharon Wagner told *The NEWS*. "If we would all just stop and listen to children, we could learn so much."

"I was explaining salvation to my class and I asked, 'Where is Jesus?' And the children would answer, 'In

## I'm going to be with Jesus

heart.' But Garrett spoke up and said, 'In two weeks, I'm going to be with Jesus.' He said it very firmly."

"Later on, he interrupted the class and said it again. Then at the close of the class, he said it again. He was on his chair up on his knees, and he was very insistent."

"I told Garrett that he would someday be with Jesus, but I didn't think it would be in two weeks. I said, 'Garrett, the only way that can happen is if you die or if The Rapture comes.' [The Rapture is the phrase Fundamentalists use to describe the Second Coming — Editor.]

"But Garrett was very insistent. He said, 'I am! I am! In two weeks I'm going to be with Jesus.' And two weeks and two days later, he was dead. Now he's with Jesus, just like he said he would be."

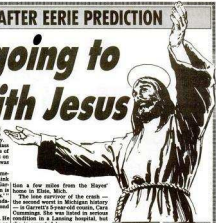
Garrett, his 28-year-old dad Garrett Sr., his mom Lisa, 34, and five other people were killed in a shattering two-car collision at a rural intersec-

tion a few miles from the Hayes' home in Elsie, Mich.

The lone survivor of the crash — the second worst in Michigan history — is Garrett's 5-year-old cousin, Cars Cummings. She was listed in serious condition in a Lansing hospital, but she is expected to recover.

"It's such a terrible tragedy," said Mrs. Wagner, herself the mother of four. "Garrett was such a sweet kid ... a real live wire."

"He said he was going to be with Jesus. I don't know how he knew it, but that's where he is right now ... with Jesus."



MICHIGAN tot Garrett Hayes, 3, predicted his own death.

**He must have known something was going to happen, says Sunday school teacher**



ALSO killed in car crash: Garrett's dad Garrett Sr. and his mom Lisa.



## Nutty trick

Twigs the squirrel hangs on tight as she rides her styrofoam ship behind a miniature remote-control boat in Sanford, Fla. Her owner, Chuck Rest, taught her the trick to amuse his daughter.

## Young mom's shocking confession:

# Lied about being raped

By SUSAN JIMISON

Staff writer

**"I lied — I wasn't raped."**

That's the shocking confession of young mom Elizabeth Richardson who sent a man she didn't know to jail and destroyed his life by falsely accusing him of sexual assault.

What's more, she admits her horrifying lie ruined her life as well, helping to break up her marriage and even putting her husband at risk when he threatened to kill the man who had raped her.

"That I did was very, very wrong," said Elizabeth, 24, a divorcee, who lives in Overton, Neb. "I falsely accused Gary Nitch of sexually assaulting me. In fact, I have never had any personal contact with Mr. Nitch."

"I heard Gary lost his job and his kids were tormented at school — I guess I just tore his

**'I made the whole thing up — and now I'm sorry,' says Nebraska woman**

family apart. I want to apologize to Gary, to my family and my husband's family and to everybody I know I hurt."

In a frank interview, the mother of three young children revealed that she had made up her rape lie to get her husband's attention. The former trucker's wife said she was tired

of her husband's long absences and knew that he had had several affairs while on the road.

"I just wanted him to be home," the blonde housewife said. "I thought I could get him to be a regular husband. If he was home he would have no need to have affairs."

One night in September

1988, Elizabeth ripped her nightgown and called a female friend in tears, saying she had been raped. The friend called police, who immediately began to investigate the crime. Days later, Elizabeth picked a man out of a photo lineup and told cops he was her assailant.

The lying wife had picked

**HUNGRY FOR LOVE** housewife Elizabeth Richardson looked her rape story to get her husband's attention.

painter Gary Nitch, a 46-year-old family man who had once visited her home briefly in connection with a job. Nitch was arrested and spent three days in jail before Elizabeth told cops she didn't want to pursue the case because it was too stressful for her.

Nitch was released, but he lost his job over the incident and his family was harassed. Elizabeth's husband tried to gun down Nitch but the plan went awry when the trigger malfunctioned, Elizabeth said.

"I didn't want my husband to go to jail," she recalled. "So I said him the truth. After that he and I had bad problems. He filed for divorce and told police I had lied about the rape."

"I went to police afterwards and turned myself in. I probably would have told on my own anyway. I had suffered for two years. I couldn't sleep, couldn't face people. It was really bad. I couldn't have lived with it."

Elizabeth was charged with perjury. This summer she was convicted and sentenced to two years probation and 180 days in jail and ordered to buy newspaper and radio ads to publicly declare she falsely accused Nitch.

"I don't think anything I'll ever do will be enough. I just wanted everyone to know I'm sorry," Elizabeth said.

But Nitch, who now has a new job at a local hardware mall, wasn't impressed with Elizabeth's remorse.

"You can't change wrong to right," he said.



## YOU SHELLFISH BRUTE!

When her fickle boyfriend ditched her for another gal, a vengeful woman got even with the creep — by sewing dead shrimp into the tops of his living room curtains.

His home smelled like a garbage dump for months before he figured out where the God-awful smell was coming from.

Jilted women want revenge because they feel anger more

intensely and more often than men, said psychologist Kevin Howells of Birmingham University in England.

Take the young woman who was devastated at losing her lover, who was more interested in reconditioning his old Alfa Romeo than in being with her.

One night she kicked in all the places where he had carefully patched up the rent spots on the beloved old car.

"I wanted him to experience some of the torture I was going through," she said. "Afterward, I felt utterly satisfied."

Another scorned girlfriend got tired of playing second fiddle to her boss's computer. So she sneaked in and cleared all of the computer programs out of it.

A secretary left her boss' fil-

**Jealous girlfriend gets smelly revenge on her two-timing beau**

ing system in chaos when she realized their relationship was over. Another woman shredded her ex-boyfriend's designer clothes.

One revenge-minded wife superglued all of her hubby's prized possessions when their

marriage went on the rocks. Jilted women don't like direct confrontation, but are more creative at getting revenge, said Howells.

What satisfies them most is a "short, swift kick in their man's lifestyle," he said.

## Marijuana eye-opener

We're all pot heads, researchers say — because our bodies contain a natural chemical that's the same as marijuana.

According to recent studies, the natural substance — like pot — has the ability to relieve pain, ease asthma attacks, drive away nausea and put a stop to convulsions. Scientists are hoping they will be able to design new drugs aimed at special parts of the brain that react to marijuana and the naturally-occurring chemical.

"This opens up a whole new system in the body," said Dr. Lewis Harris, chairman of pharmacology and toxicology at the Medical College of Virginia.



# Gal says hormone cure made her a hairy freak!

Housewife Lynn Massey sued her doctor after he treated her for depression and a weak sex drive — and she wound up looking like a hairy gorilla!

The pretty 33-year-old Pascagoula, Miss., woman claimed she grew a mustache, beard and hair all over her body after she took medication from a vial provided by Dr. George John Mitchell. She says the vial had an incorrect label, so she overdosed on the hormone testosterone.

"She grew massive amounts of horrible, abnormal, uncomfortable hair," said Neil Harris, the attorney who handled Lynn's case before the federal court in Mobile, Ala., where Dr. Mitchell practiced. He said he

By SUSAN JIMISON

caused of the label error his client took 12 times the amount of male hormones she should have received while being treated for hormone deficiencies that followed a hysterectomy.

But attorneys for Dr. Mitchell, who died shortly after Lynn filed suit in 1987, argued their client made no error and that the hairy housewife knew just what she was doing when she took overdoses of the drug.

They say testosterone went up a woman's sex drive and that Lynn took too much so she could enjoy it's sexy effects.

"She actually took extra doses," said attorney A. Darnor Fraser Jr., of Mobile. "She took it like she wanted to take it. The hair was getting thicker and thicker. She knew what was happening and she did it in her mind."

Although Lynn testified that she stopped taking the hormones but still had to use hair remover and shave her legs above the knees, the jury ruled in favor of Dr. Mitchell's estate. Lynn, who now shows no sign of facial hair, received no compensation.

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A 5-foot-tall granite monument with Mr. Ed's picture was unveiled on the farm of Danny and Darlene Snodgrass. There is no record of Mr. Ed's death because he was a horse, of course.

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# Gal dumps dream hubby — for being too perfect!

Heidi Schmidt thought she'd found the perfect man when she married Hans, but after two years she's divorcing her "dream husband" because he does the cooking, the cleaning and the shopping — and he's driving her nuts!

"Hans really is the perfect husband," Heidi told the judge in the couple's divorce case in Lueben, East Germany.

"Hans does all of the cook-

ing and the baking. He does the shopping and the dishes. He does the housecleaning and even washes the windows.

"The last straw came when

Hans took over the job of taking care of our baby. I really couldn't allow that kind of thing to go on."

Heidi told the judge that

when she met and married Hans, a 26-year-old free-lance writer, she thought he was Mr. Wonderful.

"From the very start Hans waited on me hand and foot. I thought that I had married the world's most perfect husband."

Heidi said she believed Hans would stop performing all of the household duties after they had been married for a few months, but her hosting hubby just never let up.

"After a while it drove me mad!" Heidi, 23, testified.

"What was left for me to do? I became so desperate that I begged Hans to leave his dirty clothes in a heap on the floor so I could pick them up."

"But he refused," said Heidi. Hans testified that he did the household chores because he was better at them than his wife was.

"She's not only ungrateful, she's jealous," he told the judge.

"I admit that I did all the cooking, but only because I'm a much better cook than she ever will be."

"And if I didn't do the cleaning and the shopping and didn't take care of our little baby girl, it wouldn't have gotten done."

Hubby Hans told Judge Karl Schultz that he became a domestic whirwind because his mother died when he was 8.

"I never set out to become a perfect husband," Hans testified. "That isn't my goal in

**'He waited on me hand and foot — it drove me crazy!'**

life. But when my mother died, the job of taking care of the house and the family fell to me because I was the oldest child."

Hans told the judge it was true that he worried Heidi to quit her factory job when they got married, but he had expected her to run the household.

"The first meal she cooked for us when we returned from our honeymoon was a disaster," Hans said. "I couldn't believe she called it food!"

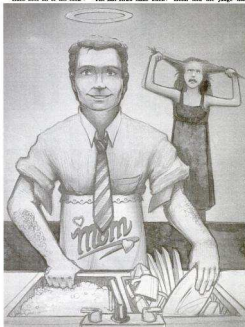
"We both laughed at that, but after she ruined the second dinner and the third and the fourth, I started doing the cooking."

Judge Schultz granted the couple's divorce and awarded custody of the baby to Hans.

"You may not be the perfect husband," the judge told him.

"But I think you'll make a fine mother."

— REBECCA SPALDING



## Thrill ride goes haywire

Amusement park fun-seekers got more than they bargained for when a whir-

ling, spinning ride went out of control and wouldn't stop for 15 agonizing minutes.

## Mummy town

A whole town of ancient mummies has been discovered in an Alaska cave.

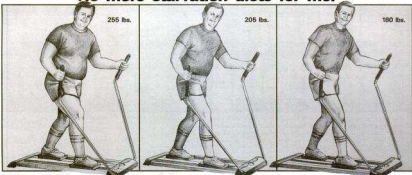
More than 30 of the wrapped bodies have been found. U.S. Fish and Wildlife officials were searching for fox den on an uninhabited Alaskan island when they made the startling discovery.

Authorities say the ride at the Minnesota State Fair malfunctioned, causing riders to suffer dizziness and vomiting. Some were even taken to a hospital in St. Paul.

"No one was in any danger, but they got spun for a long time," said Jerry Hanner, a spokesman for the fair. "What we wound up with was a lot of sick people."

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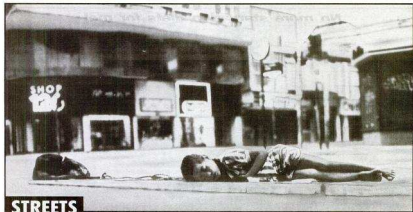
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A morgue pouch keeps a solitary vigil beside the lifeless body of a young homeless boy — who had been gunned down in the street by a savage death squad in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Last March, *THE NEWS*

shocked the world with its exclusive expose of the police goons who are paid a bounty to hunt down Rio's half-starved children. The young victims are forced to beg in the streets for money.

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# GOSSIP

*Edited by John Hannon and Susan Chappell*



# NEW BRATS ON THE BLOCK

The New Kids on the Block are rapidly becoming the New Skids on the Block as their violent behavior from coast-to-coast is turning fans and the media against them.

"I'm not sure I'm liking them anymore because they don't act like they used to," said 10-year-old fan Kristin Bothwell.

The *Boston Globe* took the Kids to task for being "craftily marketed as clean-cut, churchgoing inner-city youths," while they are actually "success-spoiled youths who badly need disciplining."

In the space of a month some of the Kids have had fistfights in Salt Lake City, Atlanta and Boston. The situation is so bad the band's lawyer had to fly to the West Coast to read them the riot act. "Some program is going to be established to change things around as to how they conduct themselves," said New Kids mouthpiece Len Lewin. "We're going to sit down with parents, kids, management, the whole team."

Sounds like a good idea, but it just might be too late.

"I want to change the band's name from the New Kids ON the Block to New Kids IN the Block — that is, real block," said 20-year-old Harvard student Ben Dattner, the latest victim of Blockhead behavior.

New Kid and most frequent bad boy Donnie Wahlberg allegedly stabbed Dattner in the right eye with his index and middle finger joined together when

***The Kids aren't  
all right — their  
snotty antics have  
them in hot water***

scuffling over an airline seat. Although no charges have been filed against the group, their image has been tarnished. And in showbiz, image is everything. — *Pats Beach Post*

★ ★ ★  
Bette Midler's sharp tongue used to have fun with Karen Carpenter anorexia jokes. Now she's sorry. "I cannot tell you how much I apologize. From the bottom of my soul," the divine Miss M. wails.

"I was a jerk for saying those things. I



**THERE GOES THE NEIGHBORHOOD:** New Kids Donnie Wahlberg, Danny Wood, Jon Knight, Jordan Knight and Joe McIntyre are up against the wall.

# A weighty issue for Elvis fans

The "Elvis on Other Planets Weight Chart" is showing up in singles bars all over the country — but it ain't amusing the folks at Graceland. "It's really kind of tasteless," says spokesman Todd Morgan. "We have a lot more important things to worry about than how much Elvis would weigh on other planets."

The King weighed a whopping 225 pounds on the day he kicked the bucket. On the sun, he would have tipped the Toledo at a staggering 7,140 pounds!

According to the chart, Elvis' Earth weight equals about 13 pounds on Pluto, 97 pounds on Mercury, 43 on the moon, 948 on Jupiter, 175 on Saturn, 232 on Uranus and 302 on Neptune. The weights vary in relation to the planets' surface gravity relative to Earth's.

One Elvis-worshiper in Memphis griped: "I see you've very conveniently left off what he's weighing in heaven."

What does The King weigh in heaven? — *New York Post*.

was young and stupid and crazy and thought I was doing profound and meaningful stuff. But I wasn't. I was just adding to the ugliness of the world." — *Redbook*.

Why does George Harrison, the quiet Beatle, keep so many photos of Hitler around the mansion? "It's just that he appreciates the unparalleled degree of his absolute madness," says a friend.

"George only digs him in a silly Minsky Pythonesque way, like a crazy character from some mad movie. As far as the horrible things Hitler actually did, George, of course, is just as ap-



## Musical miss

All these dance and music lessons have paid off for tantalizing Tanczy — she's appeared in music videos and landed a role in *Lam-bada* — *The Forbidden Dance*.

palled as anyone else." — *Boston Herald*.

Crooner-turned-comic Robert Goulet describes his typical fan: "About 78 years old. Crippled with arthritis. Blind. In a wheelchair. And saying, 'Help, me! Help, me! My husband has a flat tire.'" — *Toronto Star*.

Debbie Reynolds counts the ways her daughter Carrie Fisher's screenplay for *Passions From the Edge* is not autobiographical. "It's not about us," explains Deb.

"All mothers and daughters have these moments, and Carrie and I certainly had ours, but nothing like this movie."

"Number one, I do not fight and I do not argue. Her viewpoint of her life and my viewpoint of her life are very different." — *Entertainment Weekly*.

Kelly "Don't hate me because I'm beautiful" LeBeck has shorn her shoulder-length brown locks. Now the Woman in Red looks more like sketched singer Sheryl Crow instead of the

wild-manned knockout she was in those Pantene shampoo commercials. "Since I'm now a mother of two," explains Kelly, "I don't have time to fuss with my hair." — *People*.

Some American Indians have put a curse on Robert Redford's new movie, *The Dark Wind*.

Redskin huggies say *La Bamba* star Lou Diamond Phillips ain't Navajo, not even a little bit, so what's he doing playing one?

"The spirits of our ancestors will blight them for this insult to the Indian nation. We shall damn them and harm them," says Sioux tribal chief Steve Concha.

"We would have liked a Navajo to play the part," says Redford.

"We didn't find the actor." — *London Sun*.

Ravishing Raquel Welch waxes rhapsodic about her shattered third marriage to Andre Weisberger.

"I don't expect to meet anyone like Andre again," the willowy Welch says. "But I'd probably re marry because I'm

a romantic who believes in love and marriage."

Ooh-la La Welch shouldn't have any trouble traipsing down the aisle again. She reportedly receives 100 marriage proposals a week. — *London Express*.

Comic Yakov Smirnoff waved and waved in vain trying to flag a cab recently in Moscow. The bearded shtetl ran into the street, chasing the whizzing taxis. Still some stopped.

In a fit of inspiration, Smirnoff flashed a pack of Marlboros. Before you can say Mick Gorbachev, cabs are screaming to a halt all over the place. Marlboros are so scarce in the U.S.S.R. that Russians will kill for them. — *Winnipeg Free Press*.

Critics dumped on Rudolf Nureyev's latest performance at the Edinburgh Festival in Scotland. But the 52-year-old Russian boogie says naynah, I'm gonna boogie 'til I drop. "The main thing is dancing, and before it withers away from my body, I will keep dancing until the last moment, the last drop." — *New York Times*.



DEBRA was nuts about Pete.

# Debra Winger's true love: Her dog!

High-flying actress Debra Winger is dating Medal of Honor winner Senator Bob Kerrey of Nebraska and was once married to Oscar-winner Timothy Hutton, but the true love of her life was her dog Pete!

"He was my mate," says the spirited star of the new slick *The Sheltering Sky*. *Life* magazine snapped the two French-kissing a few years ago. No wonder it's Winger's favorite photo.

Pete, a German shepherd, taught her more about life than any human being has, she says. Pete had a stroke when Winger was in Africa shooting *The Sheltering Sky*. The vet said she'd never see him again. Winger had to wait nine hours to get a phone

line out so she could talk to her beloved dog. "Wait for me, I'm coming," she told her ailing pet.

"He met me at the door, wagging his tail, and two days later, he had another stroke. I knew he'd waited for me. And then I couldn't let go of him. He became paralyzed. I had to catheterize him four times a day." While Petey lay dying, Winger called friends to arrange a cremation.

"I held his head in my lap. I've never seen the light go out of a being before. Of course, he died with his eyes open. He tortured me to the end. When I got the ashes in the box, they were still hot." — *Vanity Fair*.

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# Ghost crashes wedding!

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***He poses for pix  
— but he doesn't  
show up on film!***

A short, fat cigar-smoking stranger posed in all the pictures taken at a couple's wedding, but when the film was developed — he wasn't in any of the photos.

"He definitely was a ghost. There's no other explanation," said stunned groom Armando Sarracco. "If he was human, how could he disappear from the negatives?"

"When we got the proofs, we couldn't find him on any of them," he said. "We even examined the negatives, but there was no sign of him. Just space where he was standing."

Armando and Pamela were married at St. Chad's Church in Romley, England. Neither they nor other wedding guests will ever forget the squatly, pint-sized stranger.

"We didn't know who he was," said Pamela's mom, Evelyn Eccleston. "We thought he was from the groom's side of the family and they thought he was from our side."

The mysterious, middle-aged stranger looked like a miniature Winston Churchill and smoked a very large and expensive-looking cigar.

"He was beautifully dressed in a gray suit and white shirt with a navy blue, frilly front and a navy blue bow tie," said Armando.

The smiling, good-natured ghost was in all the family group pictures.

"In some of the pictures he was standing between me and my daughter and yet there is no sign of him in the photos — just gaps," said the bride's father, Douglas Eccleston, a policeman for 26 years.

Photographer Ian Treadway remembers the stranger because of his flamboyant dress. "He was always smiling and seemed to be in all the pictures."

"Actually, I had to politely ask him to stand aside when I wanted to shoot the bride and groom together or the immediate family."

In every picture the stranger was in, the background comes out perfectly — as if there was no one there in the first place.

By RICK TRACY

said the shocked photographer. "I've been a professional photographer for 22 years and I've taken thousands of wedding pictures," said Treadway. "Nothing like this has ever happened before."

"I've never believed in ghosts, but this wedding made a believer out of me," he said. **WEDDING** photo, right, has odd space between bride and groom's mother where the mystery guest stood. Below, a similar gap between the groom and another guest was where the mystery man stood.

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# Lotteries are scams for lazy folks!

I'm madder than a surgeon with a leak in his yacht over all these states ripping folks off with stupid lottery scams.

My lazy brother-in-law who lives in Florida called me several weeks ago to see if I wanted to buy some tickets for that \$300 million lottery racket they were running down there.

And not only that, the no-account bum called me collect. I slammed the phone down so hard I'll bet he couldn't



hear for a week! Let's face it. Lotteries are mostly for fools like him who don't want to work for a living. How would

YOU like to tell your next door neighbor that the only way you got a big house, fancy car and swimming pool was because some numbers were sucked up on Ping-Pong balls? If somebody sent me a winning lottery ticket for a million bucks, I'd tear the sucker up in a hundred little pieces, by jimmie!

Hey, don't you think I'd like to go to Kmart with a blank check and refurbish my house. Damn right. And I'd love to have an 18-hole miniature golf course in my backyard, too.

But not if I have to humiliate myself by having my picture taken beside some oversized lottery check like they do to the winners. I've never won anything in my life and I don't

intend to start now. So if my pinhead brother-in-law wants to waste money playing a lottery, great.

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## Psychic warns woman:

# You'll watch someone die!

By JACK ALEXANDER

Staff writer

"You are going to see a suicide," a psychic told shocked Susan Schofield — and 10 minutes later she saw a man jump 200 feet to his death.

"There is a man and there is a car involved," clairvoyant Roy Rama had told her. And he was right.

As Susan, 35, and two friends drove across a bridge in Chardesley, England, after visiting Rama, they saw a car stop on the spans.

"The headlights stayed on as

a man got out and I saw him climb over the rail," said Susan. "I shouted, 'He's going to jump!' Then, as we went past, I saw him disappear over the edge."

Susan reported it to police when she got home. A half hour later, cops called back and said they'd found the body of William Ratford, 28. Rama said

later he had kept Susan longer than normal because something seemed to tell him to. "I feel it was the exact time that the man was in his car contemplating suicide," he said.

Rama feels that Susan will be upset for a time, "but she will get over it." Susan isn't sure she wants to go back to Rama for another reading.

## And 10 minutes later — she did!

## Expert tells how to buy a used car

Are you in the market for a good used car? Do you know what to look for so you won't wind up buying a worn-out bucket of bolts?

In his book *Cheap Wheels*, car expert Jim Bennett gives some advice on how you can tell if a used car is worth a second look. Here are a few of his pointers:

● The interior should show its age — no more, no less. If the odometer shows 37,000 miles, the car should look like it was used that long.

● The engine should be clean — but not too clean. Lift the hood and look for

stains or other signs of fluid leaks!

● The oil should be clean and full. Dirty or low oil reveals an unaring owner. Frothy or gray oil may indicate a leak in the cooling system!

● The coolant should be clean. Yellowish-green or bright fluorescent orange are good colors. Muddy brown indicates rust in the system which could require a simple flush ... or an expensive repair!

● The carburetor should be carb-free. Remove the air filter cover. The filter and

carburetor should be relatively clean and free of carbon or dirt!

● Measure the tread on all tires for uneven wear. It could disclose a troublesome suspension problem!

● Check the shocks. Push down hard on all four corners. The car should recover quickly without bouncing!

Take notes while looking at a used car. Then, when you have a likely candidate, invest \$50 and have a trained mechanic take a look at it. Your notes will be a big help to him ... or her.

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# BLACKBALLED!

## Mothers' club snubs Mr. Mom

By SUSAN JAMISON  
Miffed "Mr. Mom" Joel Chaiken wanted to join his neighborhood mothers' group, but they turned him down — and now he's suing them for sex discrimination.

The full-time homemaker and father says it isn't fair that he should be excluded from the mothers' support group just because he's a dad.

He has brought a complaint before the New York State Division of Human Rights claiming his civil rights have been violated.

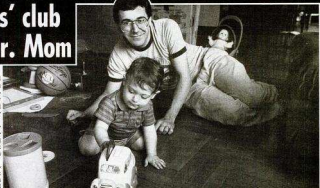
"They told me it was inappropriate for a man to join the group because some of the topics they discuss are gender-based," Chaiken, 32, told *The NEWS*.

"They thought women in the group wouldn't be comfortable with a man there."

"But I think it's illegal for them to exclude me. My point is that there are laws that give us rights. They can't exclude me."

Chaiken, whose wife works as a lawyer while he tends to their 3-year-old son Benjamin, says as a full-time domestic engineer he needs contact with other folks who stay home with the kids.

And Chaiken believes he'd have a lot to offer to the



FULL-TIME parent Joel Chaiken was given the cold shoulder by a neighborhood mothers' group. The devoted dad takes care of his 3-year-old son Benjamin while his wife works. "They can't exclude me," said the proud Mr. Mom. "There are laws that give us rights."

... and

## now he is suing them for sex

## discrimination!

women who shared his mothers' group. But social workers at the Riverdale Neighborhood House in the Bronx, N.Y., where he lives backed at the idea of letting a guy join the girls for talks about choosing child care, getting the baby to sleep and selecting pediatricians.

"I think me being in the group would change the group for the better," says Chaiken, a college professor

who quit his \$32,000 a year job to raise his son.

"We would get insights that might lead to better husband-wife relations at home. And I could show that men can be as supportive and compassionate as women — even on subjects like breast feeding."

So convinced is Chaiken that his place in at the mothers' hen party that he has taken the dispute to higher authorities. Last month the

New York State Division of Human Rights decided there was reason to believe that Chaiken had been discriminated against, and now the determined dad aims to go to court to win his point.

"At groups like these you

get valuable information — it's the way you really find out things," Chaiken said.

"It gets me angry they don't allow men in and I am going to take this all the way through the courts if I have to."

## NEW! Birth control gizmo is a 5-year wonder

A Finnish company has introduced a new kind of IUD that prevents pregnancy for up to five years.

The intrauterine coil, called *Levonex-S*, releases a synthetic hormone that blocks fertilization. It is inserted into a woman's body for five years, then replaced.

Fertility returns quickly once the coil is removed, according to a spokesman for Finland's *Leiras Co.*



## Cat called for jury duty

A judge almost cited a middle-aged man for contempt of court when he showed up for jury duty with his pet cat — but it was the kitty who'd been called as a juror.

"Honest, your honor, the court sent my cat an official letter ordering him to report

today for jury duty," said Red Finn, as he handed the judge the letter.

Because of an as yet unexplained maul, Finn's cat, Mickey Finn, had been mistakenly ordered to appear for jury duty in Malmo, Sweden.

— GUNNAR SEITE

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TEN guests at the wedding of Steve and Benita Gable were injured when a pickup plowed into the reception hall.



Newlyweds Steve and Benita Gable didn't get a chance to cut their wedding cake — it got smashed to bite-sized bits when a runaway pickup truck plowed into their reception hall!

"I saw people go flying all over the place," declared Charles McCarthy III, who was a passenger in the truck when it ran amok in Imperial, Pa.

The truck was driven by cousin-of-the-bride Jay Kanish, who had left the reception with McCarthy to get some cigarettes.

The truck belonged to another guest at the reception and Kanish was just getting some cigarettes that were in it," a spokesman for the North Fayette

Police Department said. "He decided to move the truck, but apparently didn't know how the stick shift worked. Anyway, the truck lurched forward, went over the curb and down a 50-foot em-

bankment and tore through the wall of the reception hall."

Witnesses said the rogue truck crossed the room, slammed into the head table and sent the wedding cake

barling through the air to splatter against a wall.

In all, 10 people, including two children and the bride's father, suffered minor injuries.

## Runaway truck smashes into wedding reception!

## DIRTY DOC MADE PORNO FILMS OF PATIENTS, SAY COPS

A small town doctor who was looked on as a pillar of the community is now accused of committing the most disgusting crimes imaginable — making porno films of innocent schoolgirl patients!

Dr. Joseph Cichon, a 36-year-old father of three, who for nine years was a prominent physician in Streator, Ill., was indicted on 50 counts of sexually assaulting and videotaping 12 girls in his office. He is

charged with 15 counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault, 19 counts of criminal sexual assault, 14 counts of child pornography, 10 counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse and one count of maintaining a public nuisance.

He is free on a \$1 million bond.

Conviction on only a handful of the charges could send him

to prison for the rest of his life.

Cops began investigating Dr. Cichon late last year, after a mother questioned the treatment he gave her young daughter for a urinary infection.

The mother said Dr. Cichon told her he didn't use X-rays because of radiation risks and instead used a type of camera that didn't use radiation.

The mother said that during

the course of the treatment, Dr. Cichon massaged the youngster's legs and buttocks with lotion.

The mother's report states Dr. Cichon later told the girl "the pictures he took turned out really good and that she didn't have to worry because he didn't get her pretty face in any of them."

After an eight-month inves-

tigation, cops got one of Dr. Cichon's ex-courses — one who knew of his disgusting Jekyll-and-Hyde activities — to arrange a meeting between the doctor and a man interested in buying kiddie porn.

Dr. Cichon was arrested and cops seized two videotapes.

"I was stunned," said a neighbor. "My God! He's a doctor!"

— DICK DOMOVAN

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# I'm a hot tomato but he's a couch potato

**Dear Dotti:** I've been living with my boyfriend for two years now and I'm convinced that people who've been married 50 years have more action in the bedroom than we do.

When I ask my guy why he's not interested in sex he just shrugs. He's only 35 years old. Is once a month normal? — **Wondering in Georgia**

**Dear Wondering:** No, it's not normal. The fact is, your boyfriend's a dud!

**My new neighbor is Elvis himself!**

**Dear Dotti:** I can't believe it. I recently moved into a small town and noticed that my next-door neighbor was always singing Elvis songs. One day he came over to my house to borrow a cassette tape and it was Elvis in the flesh! Should I tell someone or keep my mouth shut? — **Confused in Castle Rock**

**Dear Confused:** If you live next door to The King, I'll end my hat. And if you must tell somebody about your little fantasy, tell a shrink!

**Cheap parents won't raise my allowance**

**Dear Dotti:** I hate my parents because they're so cheap. I started eighth grade this year and they're only giving me \$45 a week allowance to buy lunches at school and get records and magazines and

## Confidential

**Dear Honesty in Shores Creek:** Lots of ugly women find husbands. It's too bad you're not one of them, though.

**Dear Talented in Logan:** If you're such a great dancer, why do you have to take your clothes off to get people to watch?

**Dear Adventurous in Wardville:** I can think of a lot of things to do with a pool cue and that ain't one of them!

**Dear Suspicious in Altam:** I seriously doubt that was a mayonnaise stain on your husband's pants leg.

**Dear Puzzled in Verona:** I don't care what your mother said! A human being CAN'T give birth to a cucumber!

Other things I want. I told them I needed more but they said the \$45 is plenty. Please help me, Dotti. Tell my parents that as eighth grader can't live like this. — **Chested in Tulsa**

**Dear Cheated:** You listen to me, you little preened, and you listen to me good. With such a mouth attitude you're lucky to be getting ANYTHING from your parents. If I were there I'd take away your allowance.

ground you for a month and give you a spanking you'd NEVER forget.

**I got an 'A' for my Dotti essay**

**Dear Dotti:** One of my teachers at school asked us to write an essay titled "Who I Look Up To and Why."

I chose you, Dotti. And needless to say, I got an A on my paper after saying that I look up to you because you're a great, hardworking woman who's independent and doesn't care what other people think. When giving advice you tell it like it is. And you're beautiful, too. — **Student in Ohio**

**Dear Student:** Kids like you restore my faith in America's youth. Thanks for a lovely letter — and keep up the good work!

**A stranger pinched me in the fanny**

**Dear Dotti:** What would you do if a stranger man walked up behind you in a department store and pinched your butt? That happened to me recently and I was too embarrassed to say anything so I just let it pass. Now I'm thinking I should have done something. — **Undecided in Pittsburgh**

**Dear Undecided:** If some



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stranger pinched me on the butt, I'd deck him with a right cross. Then I'd call the police and charge him with assault!

**What should I name my puppy?**

**Dear Dotti:** I just got a mongrel puppy that's half husky and half something else. It's solid black and has a white belly. It's also a male. I respect your opinions and ideas, Dotti.

Will you help me name my puppy? — **Shelly in Winchester**

**Dear Shelly:** If I were as diabetic as you, I'd call the pup "Blackie." It's not very creative. But at least you'd have an even chance of remembering it!

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## Ask the Countess

# How can I reach my long-lost friend?

**Dear Countess:** Many years ago I lost touch with a dear friend. I want to find her but I lost her address and phone number and can't get her in touch no matter how hard I try.

A private investigator said he could find her but his fee is too high for me to pay. Please help, Countess. — **Waiting in South Dakota**

**Dead Waiting:** I didn't even have to use my psychic powers to help you because I received a letter from your friend the same day I got this one from you. She wants to get in touch with you also. Forward your mailing address to her and here to you. I foresee a happy reunion in December.

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**Dear Countess:** My husband

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says you aren't far real but I say you are. You could convince him of your powers if you could tell us what kind of surgery I had recently. — **Fan in D.C.**

**Dear Fan:** You recently had a basin resound from your



right foot. Your husband should also see a doctor. The dark mole on his left shoulder is concerning but still present no problems if he has it removed right away.

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**Dear Countess:** I'm very in-

terested in a handsome but very shy guy who seems to be interested in me too. I'd love to go out with him but he's too timid to ask me for a date and I'm not too keen on asking myself.

**Could you please tell me if I'd be wasting my time to take a chance on this man? — Lonely in Michigan**

**Dear Lonely:** You definitely should ask this man out. A beautiful relationship is just waiting to blossom!

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**Dear Countess:** I kept house for an elderly man until he passed away in May leaving me all his money and possessions. Now his long-lost son has popped up with a lawyer to fight the will even though

he never had anything to do with his dad. What's going to become of all this, Countess? I'm 72 and worried about my future. — **Worried in Florida**

**Dear Worried:** Legal squabbles like this are often long and drawn-out and yours will be no exception. Don't worry, though. You will triumph in the end.

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**PERSONAL TO . . .**

**Lady in Frisco:** Yes, your husband is gay. And yes, he's cheating on you with another man.

**Separate in Philadelphia:** 3, 27 and the birthdays of everyone in your family.

**Terrified Gal in Cleveland:** Don't worry. The ghost is friendly!

# SOVIETS INTERCEPT



DOOMED planet's incredible distress signal arrived a whopping 90,000 years too late, say Russian scientists who intercepted it.

## Earth picked up similar message last March!

The radio message received by Dr. Victor Kulakov is not without precedent — both Soviet and U.S. scientists picked up a similar message from a starship on March 3!

As reported in the September 18 edition of *The NEWS*, the coded cry for help is believed to have come from a starship that was crippled on the outer fringe of the Milky Way galaxy 35,000 years ago.

"It took that long for the radio message to reach us traveling at the speed of light," astrophys-



**SIZZARRE UFO signals were received in the September 1990 issue of *The Weekly World News*.**

cist Franz-Herbert Mosser told newsmen in Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

"At the time it was sent human beings were still scribbling around in caves."

Soviet researchers claim to have intercepted an intergalactic distress call from an alien civilization that had already peaked and was actually dying while saber-toothed tigers still wandered the Earth!

The 90,000-year-old SOS was received and taped in late July.

But only in recent weeks have radio astronomers and language experts found the key to the complex, mathematics-based language and transcribed the frantic plea for help.

Russian newspapers haven't published a



Mikhail Gorbachev

word about the startling message. But lengthy scientific reports have appeared in two professional research journals: *Radio Astronomy and Cosmology*.

Dr. Victor Kulakov is leading the research team from a state-operated observatory and scientific complex 50 miles northwest of Moscow.

He told *Univers* that the signal emanated from

the galaxy near Andromeda, a

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"The simple received and deciphered beyond their knowledge were, at the very least," someone who claims to be President Mikhail Gorbachev.

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## 3-year-old's stolen tombstone found

A heart-shaped tombstone stolen from the grave of a 3-year-old has been returned to its original resting place 45 years after thieves swiped it in 1945.

Construction workers found the stone while digging land for a new building in Ashburn, Wash. It has since been placed on the grave of Yu Matheson, who was hit and killed by a train in 1911.

## Dog-loving men make better dads!

Men who are crazy about their dogs make better dads.

That's the fascinating conclu-

sion of a University of Minnesota study that found dog lovers enjoying family life.

## Cops bust up plot to kill

By MARTHA ATKINS

Police have charged two men with plotting to murder a 61-year-old neighbor — because they thought she was a witch!

Authorities in Beulah, N. Dakota, arrested Dean Untereher and Jim Hoppen on the farm of Karina Singer after receiving a tip that the two men were armed and planned to kill the harmless oddster.

"Stories were going around that she was practicing satanism, sacrificing goats and dogs, and doing other cult-type things," said Mercer

County State's Attorney Alan Dupler. "It appears that the two men were in a bar one night and after having a few beers decided to go out there and eliminate the problem."

Authorities conducted a search of the farm but found no evidence of anything witch-like. And Mrs. Singer is shocked over the accusations.

The widow claims that what's really been going on is a plan she

and her late husband to turn the farm and peace for

The widow started last year and her husband's "medicinal" configuration built a guest house was a church.

"It was a change" for Mrs. Singer. Untereher has been charged with second-degree murder and \$5,000 bond.



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be a KGB ploy to scare the U.S.  
into reducing its stockpile of nu-  
clear arms unilaterally.

... "I emphasize slight," said the  
expert, who, fearing deportation,  
spoke on the condition that his  
name not be used for publication.

# Drunk nails himself to park bench

By JOE BERGER

Plastered plumber Phillip  
Pyne decided to sleep it off  
on a park bench, but he was  
afraid he'd fall off — so pick-  
led Phil nailed himself to the  
bench!

Shocked officers found him  
sprawled on the wooden bench  
with three six-inch nails  
through each of his thighs.

"He'd been bleeding, but he was  
so drunk he apparently didn't feel a  
bit of pain," said flabbergasted pa-  
trolman Peter Keyes.

Investigators said pie-eyed Phil,  
51, had been looting it up with pals  
in a seaside pub when he decided to  
toddle on home. But on the way, the  
sleep-headed reveler spotted the  
bench and stopped for a snooze.  
"He says he had a hammer and

# to park bench

## ... so he won't fall off as he snoozes!

nails in his coat, so he took them  
out and nailed himself to the bench  
so he wouldn't roll off while he was  
sleeping and get hurt," Patrolman  
Keyes told reporters in Weymouth,  
England.

"When we got there, he picked  
up the claw hammer and was going  
to yank the nails out himself. We  
stopped him, figuring he'd done

enough damage to his legs al-  
ready."

Instead, firemen pried the bench  
from the pavement and placed it in  
an ambulance with the scound-  
rel father of three still attached.  
At the hospital, dumbfounded  
docs discovered Phil had missed  
smashing the bones in his legs by  
just a fraction of an inch. They said

he's recovering nicely. "He is an ex-  
tremely lucky man," said a hospital  
spokesman.

"He had a big, silly grin on his  
face, and he kept telling us every-  
thing was just fine. Really he  
seemed happy as a lark the whole  
time."

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# Hard-luck 4-year-old's prayer is answered!

## God brought my dog back home!

By DICK DONOVAN

Staff writer

"Please, Jesus, tell my uncle Eric to make those bad guys bring my dog back to me."

That was the heart-tugging bedtime prayer from Zachary Smith, a hard-luck 4-year-old who lost his home, his only toy, his uncle and his dog — but never lost hope.

"After his dog Spike was stolen, we all thought he would never see him again," Zachary's grandma, Sharon Jones said from her home in Des Moines, Iowa. "We were prepared to tell him that Spike was with someone who must have needed him more."

"But Zachary never gave up thinking that he'd get Spike back. He never lost faith... and now they're back together again."

All that faith was a lot more than anyone had a right to expect from a youngster who had already endured so much heartbreak.

In January 1989, when Zachary was 2, the family home and just about everything they owned was destroyed by fire. The boy managed to salvage one toy, a truck, but that was stolen four months later.

A couple of months later, the boy's mom and dad split, and Zachary began to rely on his young uncle Eric to fill the role of father-figure in his life.

"Eric always called Zachary his little buddy," Grandma Jones said.

Then the hard-luck kid was dealt another crushing blow last March when his beloved uncle Eric was killed in a highway accident.

"That really threw Zachary for a loop," his grandma said. "He went to the funeral home with us and gave Eric a good-bye hug. We were trying to teach him to cope with death."

Just before the funeral, Zachary was given a 4-week-old springer spaniel puppy that had been born on Eric's 22nd birthday.

In the weeks that followed, boy and dog became inseparable.

### What disease?

Alzheimer's disease may not be a disease at all, an expert says, but just a normal part of aging.

Duke University researcher Allen Roses thinks the condition — which results in forgetfulness and senility — may come about when a specific gene wears out as folks get older.

He lost his home, his toy, his uncle and his dog — but he never lost hope

ble. But a few weeks ago, some dirty crook took Spike from his outside chain. The loss of his dog hit the boy like a ton of bricks.

Spike was gone for only a few days when, like a miracle, a neighbor called to say he had found Spike sitting outside his house. Somehow the little pooch had managed to escape his abductor.

And so Zachary and Spike are back together again. His grandma and mom didn't think it would happen, but Zachary never had any doubts.

He knew Jesus and uncle Eric wouldn't let him down.



THE FAMILY'S together again now that Spike is back. Zachary, his grandma, left, and mom welcome Spike back.



EVERYTHING'S O.K. now for little Zachary now that his dog is back. Spike gives his little master a kiss.

### Ostrich kills pinhead poacher

A pea-brained poacher was killed by a craned ostrich when he tried to swipe one of the giant bird's eggs.

Gerald Mejour had traveled from France to Cameroon for some adventure, but his thrill-seeking days ended when the 300-pound northern bird chased him down and pecked him to death.

"I told him to leave the ostrich eggs alone," Zanecco Gwarou, a tour guide, said.

"I would rather kiss the nose of a tiger than anger an ostrich."

Mejour swiped the egg from

the nest and was more than 200 yards from the ostrich when it started chasing him.

"He had no chance to outrun the bird," Gwarou said.

After the ostrich caught Mejour it knocked him to the ground and went to work with its powerful beak.

"It was a terrible sight, but Mejour was warned many times," Gwarou said.

"A man who messes with an ostrich is a man who dances with death."

— BILL ALLEN

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With a gun to her head, she keeps her sunny side up!

## Granny cooks breakfast for crook

A gutsy granny not only refused to let a young punk rob her, but she made him sit down while she fixed him breakfast — then

talked him into surrendering to cops.

What turned out to be the

crook's two-hour ordeal began just after dawn as Hilda Zoller, an 86-year-old widow, had

showered and dried her hair.

"I walked into my living room and there was this young man standing by the door with a gun in his hand. He said he wanted my money and jewelry," Hilda told the newspa-

per, Frankfurt News Presse in Frankfurt, Germany.

The spunky grandma said she brushed by the gunman and walked into her kitchen to cook breakfast.

"Didn't you hear what I said, old woman," the crook shouted. "Give me your money and jewelry or I'll kill you."

Hilda, who is barely 5-foot-tall, whirled around and looked the young robber square in the face.

"Don't you dare tell me what to do in my own house," she said. "And put that stupid gun down. You're not going to shoot anybody."

The young thing pushed her against the oven and pressed the gun to her head. "You've got 15 seconds to do what I say or you're dead," he snapped.

"Look, sonny," said the feisty older. "I'm 94 years old. My husband is dead. I've got arthritis and I've lived a full life. Dying ain't something I worry about."

"So why don't you sit down in that chair and relax or get out of my house."

The young bandit slumped down in a kitchen chair, totally frustrated. "Give me your eggs," he asked Hilda.

The stubborn old woman made her gun-toting guest eat eggs, sausage and biscuits. And he drank almost a quart of milk.

"I'll tell him if he'd quit and give up to the police. I'd help him get a job and put in a good word to the judge."

The gunman, who identified himself as Fritz Koch, 19, agreed and Hilda called the cops.

Because it was Fritz's first robbery attempt, a judge put him on probation. Hilda got him a job on a neighbor's farm and rented him a room in her house.

— RICK TRACY

Hilda Zoller

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# Little girl's body found in car wreckage — after it was towed to the junkyard!

By JACK ALEXANDER  
Cops didn't realize a little girl's body was still in the wreckage of her daddy's car until five hours after it was towed from an accident scene to a junkyard.

Veronica Covarrubias, 10, had been riding in the back seat of her father's Toyota Corolla when it was rammed from behind by another car near Fairfax, Va.

Her parents, two sisters and brother were taken to a hospital and a wrecker towed the



COPS didn't know little girl's body was in this wreckage.

demolished Toyota to a storage lot.

Later, when relatives of the injured family arrived at the

hospital, they asked police officers where the fourth child was — Veronica.

"We were saying, 'Impossi-

ble, we counted only three children,'" said State Trooper James Brinkley Jr., who then returned to the crash scene.

Thinking Veronica may have been thrown from the car, cops searched the area thoroughly but couldn't find her.

Police and rescue workers then went to the auto storage company and discovered Veronica's body completely covered with twisted metal.

"The metal had just rolled up over the child," said Trooper Brinkley. "The rear trunk came up in the front seat. That's how bad it was." Cops

believe Veronica was asleep at the time of the accident.

"A little doll baby was found near her body," said Trooper Brinkley.

An autopsy indicated the little girl died on impact. "I doubt if she ever knew what hit her," said the trooper.

The dead girl's parents, Jose and Rosana Covarrubias, were listed in serious condition. Her year-old brother, Paul, and sister Rosana, 13, were in critical and fair condition, respectively. Another sister, Danyela, 3, was treated and released.

# PRIZE PANDA BARBECUED

By MICKEY McGuIRE

Correspondent

Farmer Leng Zhizhong will slave away his life on a chain gang because he committed "the most unforgivable crime" when he killed and ate Han-Han — China's most prized giant panda!

The vicious 28-year-old father of three set more than 60 wire traps throughout a protected giant panda research center in the Wolong Reserve in the Chinese province of Sichuan.

The gentle Han-Han — which means "twelfth" — was snared in one of the beastly traps and held prisoner until Leng found her.

The brutal killer strangled the helpless female, then skinned and dismembered her and took the butchered meat home to eat.

"To the people of China, there can be no greater sin than to harm even a hair on these magnificent creatures," Wolong Reserve official Changyue Wong said. "The giant pandas in among the rarest creatures on Earth and can only be found in China."

"What this murderous fiend did to our beloved Han-Han is the most unforgivable crime."

**China jails farmer & throws key away for eating rare bear!**

Killing her was certainly bad enough. But then to chop her up like dog meat is more than my mind can comprehend."

Han-Han was by far the most treasured of the half-dozen giant pandas that roam free in the vast Wolong Reserve. She had been fitted with a transmitter that monitored her movements in the wild.

When Han-Han's inactivity showed no movement for almost a week, the researchers tracked it down.

They had hoped to find that she was mating with a male — then they came upon the grisly remains of her slaughtered carcass. A trail of dried blood led them to Leng's forest hut.

"Our beautiful Han-Han has gone to her ancestors," zoologist Sun-Wu Tsunao said.



"Another ray of light from the sun is gone from our lives."

"There is no punishment that is cruel enough for Leng Zhizhong."

"He has brought dishonor on his children. Leng will pay

for his savage deed on the chain gang.

"And there he will fester his worthless life. No one can survive more than six months on the gang of the doomed." The giant panda is protected

under Chinese law because it is believed that there are only about 1,000 of them still surviving in the wild and only in China.

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# Jewelry store manager says her stickup attempt was just a drill



Joyce Compton

A masked woman tried to rob a jewelry store she managed, but when employees saw through her disguise — she told them it was just a test... a security drill, cops said.

"She was dead serious about robbing the place until they recognized her... then she tried to con them into believing it was a big joke," said an Ocala, Fla., police detective.

Joyce Compton, 38, was charged with aggravated assault, attempted armed robbery and possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

Police said Joyce walked into Gauss and Son Jewelers — where she was assistant manager — armed with a .38-caliber pistol, with a sickle sticking over her face and wearing a wig and baseball cap.

## — but cops bust her anyway!

She locked the front door and was herding the workers into a back room when one of them recognized her.

Once she was unmasked, Joyce acted like the robbery attempt was "a drill," according to police.

She might have pulled off the incredible hoax, cops said, if they hadn't been tipped off about more than \$200,000 in jewelry she had ordered for the store without her boss' knowledge.

The tipster had overheard Joyce talking to the ordered jewelry at an eat-in town social gathering. When the tipster later heard about the attempted robbery, she called cops.

More than \$100,000 of the jewelry was found in a small box hidden in the store, said Police Capt. Vance Ferguson. Another \$100,000 in jewelry was found in Joyce's house, police said.

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— JACK ALEXANDER

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# World-famous author's seven-year study proves . . .

By DICK DONOVAN

The astrological sign that you were born under can tell you how long you can expect to live!

That staggering discovery was made by acclaimed author-astrologer Forrest Pickling during a painstaking seven-year study of the birth and death records of more than 60,000 people.

"I was stunned by my findings," said Pickling from his cliffside home in Laguna Beach, Calif.

"But there can be no disputing the facts — people born under some signs, on the average, live far longer than those born under other signs."

"For example, I found that men born under the zodiac sign of Taurus and women born under the sign of Gemini are the undisputed winners in the survival race. Both have an average life span of 81 years, 4 months."

According to Pickling's research, the life span leaders are closely followed by Capricorn women, who can count on living for 80 years, while women born under the sign of Taurus will be around for 79.6 years.

Next in line are Aries men, who should live for 79 years, and Aries females with an average life span of 78 years.

"At the very bottom are the Sagittarians — of both sexes," Pickling said. "And that's probably because they take more chances in life."

"My study shows the Sagittarian female has an average life span of just 63.6 years, while the Sagittarian male lives only 62 years."

"We collected birth and death dates for more than 60,000 people and insisted that our researchers obtain an

equal number of birth dates from every sign of the zodiac," he explained.

"The team used a variety of sources for supplying me with dates — collecting them from library reference books, morticians and even graveyards," said Pickling.

"I was amazed to see a pat-

tern clearly emerging after I'd examined only 5,000 birth and death dates.

"That is when I became really excited — seeing staggering differences show up in life spans."

"I hadn't expected anything so dramatic."

"The pattern became even more stable as we approached 10,000 dates, and after 20,000 dates the pattern became as solid as a rock."

"We continued to work beyond 60,000 dates to give clear support to an already established set of conclusions," said Pickling.

Pickling, who with his wife co-wrote the *Honey West* detective books which became a hit television series of the mid-60s, outlined how he arrived at the average astrological life spans:

"We determined the age at death for each person, and then we listed the age under the relevant zodiac sign, in either the male or the female category."

"Then we added up the ages in each category and divided the total by the number of persons we'd listed in the category."

"This gave us the average age at death for the specific category."

"Our computations were studied dozens of times to ensure our accuracy."

John Addy, editor of the prestigious *Astrological Journal of Great Britain and Canada*, hailed Pickling's incredible findings as "winning in their accuracy."

Now you can use the zodiac life span chart especially prepared for *THE NEWS* to find out how you measure up in the survival race.

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# Your astrological sign reveals how long you'll live!

## Your zodiac life span chart

MALE FEMALE		MALE FEMALE	
	<b>ARIES</b> (March 21-April 19) 79 years 78 years		<b>LIBRA</b> (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) 75 years 77 years
	<b>TAURUS</b> (April 20-May 20) 81.6 years 79.6 years		<b>SCORPIO</b> (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) 68.6 years 73.6 years
	<b>GEMINI</b> (May 21-June 20) 70 years 81.6 years		<b>SAGITTARIUS</b> (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) 62 years 63.6 years
	<b>CANCER</b> (June 21-July 22) 65 years 73 years		<b>CAPRICORN</b> (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) 77.6 years 80 years
	<b>LEO</b> (July 23-Aug. 22) 74 years 76.6 years		<b>AQUARIUS</b> (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) 71.6 years 71.6 years
	<b>VIRGO</b> (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) 76.6 years 65 years		<b>PISCES</b> (Feb. 19-March 20) 71 years 75 years

## Gag! Dictionary makes fatal blunder!

Sales have been halted on France's most famous dictionary — because it says a deadly poisonous mushroom is safe to eat!

The publishing house Larousse had told 6,000 bookstores to stop selling the 1993 edition of *Petit Larousse en Cos-*

lours, its best-selling dictionary. The publishing house, founded in 1853, said it is the worst mistake the firm has ever made. It hired 250 college students to go to bookstores and paste in new pages that don't carry the mistake.

A company spokesman said a photo of

*Amanita phalloides* — the deadliest mushroom in all of France — was supposed to have a red dot indicating that it is poisonous. Instead, the photo carried a black dot, signifying that it is safe to eat. The same mistake was made for two other poisonous mushrooms.

## How To Collect Social Security At Any Age

Cash-In on Government Give-Away Programs

(Special) A new book written by a former Federal investigator tells how every American can collect their share of the \$259 billion that will be handed out this year by Uncle Sam. The book explains how to collect: social security benefits, retirement, small business loans, income supplements, education benefits, farm loans, unemployment, job training, even welfare and food stamps. Here are just a few facts covered:

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FREED: Salesman Philippe Betin.

## Couple locks fast-talking salesman up for 26 days

Fed-up Francis Tubian and his weary wife Alaina got so sick of being hounded by a pushy insurance salesman that they lassoed the creep — and held him captive in their attic for nearly a month!

By LAUREL BOWIE

The ticked-off Tubians refused to release their pesky prisoner until he and his boss wrote in writing that he'd never come knocking at their door again.

"We were just at the end of our rope," Francis Francis, 48, later told a judge. "We never wanted to hurt anybody, but

this city buzzard wouldn't give us a moment's peace."

He drove us so crazy we talked about moving just to get him off our backs."

The timid TV repairman and his wife eventually pleaded guilty of kidnapping, but a sympathetic judge placed them on

probation. "We all know how interesting these salesmen can be," said Judge John Lander.

The Tubians' tale of woe began late last year when fast-talking Philippe Betin pounded on their door outside Paris, France, to peddle life insurance.

"He seemed nice enough at first so we let him in, and that was an awful mistake," Alaina recalled.

"When we told him we had plenty of life insurance, he handed out all these other things he was selling — car insurance, fire insurance, storm insurance, health insurance. He had them all."

"It was after midnight before we finally showed him out the door."

And the never-say-die salesman kept coming back — harassing the flustered couple 17 times in the next 30 days.

"Finally one morning in total exasperation I threw a rope around the little pipesnake and locked him away in the attic," said frustrated Francis.

For the next 26 days, Philippe remained a prisoner of his own pishness.

"For the first time in a month, we could actually relax in our own home," said Alaina.

Eventually, Francis phoned Philippe's boss and promised to let the mid-six-figure salesman go if they both signed a statement promising that Philippe would never return.

"They promised, so we turned the little worm loose," Alaina recalled. "We knew they'd sell the police on us — but we knew any judge who ever dealt with a door-to-door salesman would take pity on us."

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# NEW ROCK MUSIC DUO HAS ONE BODY — & 2 HEADS

By BEATRICE DEXTER

Special correspondent

The hottest new rock duo in Eastern Europe is a two-headed carnival freak, a side-show sex symbol who has teenaged girls shrieking and swooning at sell-out concerts!

Calling himself by the English name Double Vision, superstar Eric-and-Karl Ludolter attracts crowds of up to 30,000 in Czechoslovakia, Poland and Austria with his guitar-twanging, hip-swooning act. He's already earned over \$1 million from records and concerts and is planning a world tour for early next year.

"I owe my success to my female fans," said Ludolter, 26, who is one person from the shoulders down and two from his necks up.

"I tell them one day I'm going to look into the audience, find the girl of my dreams and settle down with her to rear a family."

Ludolter was born in 1962, the son of a policeman in Wulfsberg, Austria.

Doctors say his two-headed body was created when identical twins failed to separate properly in the early stages of formation and grew together as they developed.

The two-headed oddity joined a carnival at the age of 14, helping to support his family by traveling throughout Eastern Europe for the amusement of gawking crowds. He was an unknown until 1980, when he took up the guitar and began entertaining his audiences with love songs and rock tunes.

Within months teenaged girls discovered the handsome redheaded freak and Ludolter's singing career was launched. Now roads of eager

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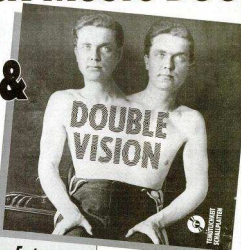


LUDOLTER's teen fans adore him.

13, 14 and 15-year-old girls rush the sideshow superstar wherever he goes and lines form for tickets to his concerts days before his gigs at major European cities. Ludolter's public search for the perfect wife has diluted soon.

Each written fan clamors for the singer's attention in the hope that she will turn out to be his chosen bride.

"I feel lucky to have become such a success," said Ludolter, whose right head is named Eric and left head is named Karl. "All my life girls turned away from me as dis-



who will give me a family and stick by me.

"Then when my fame is over, I'll still have a happy life."

The carnival curiosity's two heads have different emotions and opinions, but they rarely argue with each other, Ludolter says.

Still, they have considered taking two wives instead of one in case they can't agree on the ideal woman.

"Whoever we choose will have to understand that we must travel and spend long hours on the road," Ludolter said in a fan magazine inter-

**TWO-HEADED** rock star's first album is selling like hotcakes, and will soon be available in America.

view. "She'll have to be someone very special to put up with a person like us."

**Wacky ways to  
live longer!**

Old-timers had a few ideas about how to live a long and healthy life, according to *The Old Farmer's Almanac* — and here are a few of the more bizarre longevity tips from folklore.

- Never add on to the back of a house.
- Don't sing in bed.
- Never put a broom on a head.
- Don't walk around in one shoe.
- Keep your cat off the piano keys.

**Tough Illinois law would send  
drunk-driving teens to morgue**

A close view of dead bodies may become mandatory for drunken drivers in Illinois.

Legislation in that state could allow judges to force drunken drivers under the age of 21 to go to a morgue to view bodies of people killed in alcohol-related accidents.

— MICHAEL TODD

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# Going my way?

By REBECCA SPALDING

Dozens of motorists have been frightened and infuriated by a hitchhiking ghost who scolds them about their driving habits and then vanishes into thin air!

Czechoslovakia's Rostom newspaper said the ungrateful apparition was first seen thumbing along a rural highway near Brno in March.

The chastising spirit has since hitched rides with some

## Hitchhiking ghost scolds lead-foot motorists!

40 motorists, said the newspaper.

And in each instance he reportedly raised on and on about their reckless driving before he said, "I'm getting out of here," and disappeared.

"I know it sounds crazy but one minute he was sitting in the seat beside me and the next minute he was gone," said Josef Marock, a factory supervisor from Brno.

"I just couldn't decide

whether I had gone crazy or really had seen a ghost. The one thing I did know was that I was going 60 m.p.h. when he vanished."

"There is no way on earth a man could have gotten out of that car without me seeing him do it."

Marock reported the incident to Brno Police Sgt. Odrich Nebl, who had already heard the bizarre story dozens of times before. "All the

drivers told me essentially the same thing," said the cop.

"They said they picked up a young male hitchhiker just after dark."

"Once in their cars he complained that they were driving too fast and asked several of them if he could see their licenses."

"He didn't stay more than a minute or two in each car. The people who picked him up said he told them he valued his life and was getting out just before he disappeared."

Sgt. Nebl said officers have patrolled the road that the ghost allegedly thumbs on but haven't seen anyone or any-

thing that matches its description.

"Don't ask me what's happening out there because I really don't know," he said. "A lot of people say they have seen a ghost out there and you can believe them if you want to. I just fill out the reports."

## Pygmy shortage

Pygmies will be extinct soon, experts fear, because the little Africans are refusing modern medical care.

There are only about 100 of the tiny Ugandans, who roam the jungle and refuse to join the modern world.

"If they continue refusing medical treatment and immunization, they will be wiped out within two years," said a government doctor, Kabogambe Rugamba.

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# MAN SUES HIMSELF & WINS \$122,500!

By SUSAN JIMISON  
Staff writer

Company owner Peter Maxwell was injured on the job, so he hired a lawyer — and sued himself!

Then, as head of the manufacturing firm where he worked, Maxwell paid himself a whopping \$122,500 in compensation for his injuries and successfully battled the IRS in court so he didn't have to pay any taxes on the income.

"The court said I did nothing wrong," said Maxwell, 53, of Chino, Calif.

"I needed the compensation for my pain and distress and I got it."

The bizarre law case arose after Maxwell was injured in 1977. A co-owner with his wife of Life Products Inc. of Chino, Maxwell was also an employee of the firm and paid himself a \$59,000 a year salary.

One day he got his sweater caught on the protruding bolt of a machine used to mix urethane for manufacturing foam padding. The father of two was pulled into the mixer and sustained severe injuries.

"My hand went into the rotating

shaft and the machine pulled my arm in and broke it," Maxwell said. "I had a couple of operations, they put a metal plate in my arm and I've suffered permanent loss of movement."

"I decided to seek restitution from the company."

"It was a separate corporation and I was an employee. I had been injured on the job and couldn't get workmen's comp so I went to a liability attorney and sued them."

Maxwell's lawyer contacted Life Products and announced his client's intention to sue.

As the owner of the company, Maxwell then hired another lawyer to defend his firm.

The two lawyers negotiated and agreed to a settlement — and Maxwell walked away \$122,500 richer. Every-

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thing seemed fine until the IRS got wind of Maxwell's bizarre legal shenanigans.

Government tax agents launched an investigation.

Then they took the businessman to court for claiming the compensation on his company's books as a business expense and for failing to pay income taxes on his \$122,500 award.

Last month a federal judge ruled in Maxwell's favor and sent the IRS packing, saying that Maxwell had done nothing illegal.

"Taxpayers have the right to decrease taxes or avoid them altogether by means which the law permits," said Judge Robert Rowe in his decision.



BUSINESSMAN Peter Maxwell

## After she calls her ex-hubby a 'moron' . . .

Socialite Lynn Persoff told friends her ex-husband was a "moron" during a gala black-tie affair — and almost wound up in the slammer!

The Boca Raton, Fla., woman had been ordered by a divorce court judge to keep her sharp tongue under control two years before when she won her divorce.

"I don't like putting people in jail, but I have to promise you that if that's what I need to do to stop this, that's what I'll do," said Judge Walter Colthart in 1988.

He ordered Mrs. Persoff and her ex-husband Myron to stop spreading gossip about each other after a particularly vicious divorce battle. To stay out of jail they had to follow his orders:

"Not uttering one single solitary libelous, slanderous or any other derogatory remark toward the other to anyone in the entire world at any time, either orally, in writing, by body language or any other form of communication."

But, according to court testimony, it wasn't five months

## Gossipy divorcée told: 'Shut up — or go to jail'

later that Mrs. Persoff put her foot in her mouth. At a hotly-told affair to raise money for a local theater, she ate ruck of lamb, danced to a 15-piece orchestra — and bad-mouthed Dr. Myron Persoff, a well-known plastic surgeon.

"She was quite loud and appeared intoxicated," said one witness, Patricia Kropf, in a court document.

"I overheard her telling another couple that her ex-husband Myron used to masturbate before he operated and

that he had so many outstanding lawsuits against him that she left him while he still had something in spite up."

"I heard her call him a moron."

It turned out Mrs. Kropf was a patient of Dr. Persoff and told him about his ex-wife's words.

He filed a motion for contempt and Mrs. Persoff was hauled before the court. After a hearing, she was placed on three months' probation, fined \$1,000 and ordered to serve

100 hours of community service. Mrs. Persoff denies she ever said anything bad about her former spouse.

## China AIDS-free

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# How to stay younger as you grow older

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"Some things blamed on aging

are not aging at all," cautions one expert, Dr. Carl Eisdorfer. "They are caused by smoking, drinking, lousy food habits and so on."

Other symptoms commonly associated with old age are the result of disease that can be

minimized or prevented by living right, authorities say.

To put the least amount of wear and tear on your body, there are simple steps you can take through the years. Here they are, divided by age groups:

## In your 20s



Start protecting your skin now to prevent aging later by using sun screens. Cut down on the hours you spend tanning. Protect your ears from loud noises. Turn down your radio, stay away from blaring speakers at discos and concerts.

Be sure to get regular dental checkups. Don't smoke and don't abuse drugs. Avoid casual sex — it can lead to infertility and disease. Use contraceptives.

Women should do regular breast examinations for lumps. If you don't know how to do it, order a pamphlet from the American Cancer Society. Get a regular Pap smear, too. If you get pregnant, avoid smoking and alcohol.

## In your 30s



If you're a woman who's been on The Pill for years, this is a good time to talk with your doctor about switching to another form of contraception. It's also the decade to begin mammograms with a baseline mammogram at about 35.

Men should examine their testicles monthly for lumps or enlargement. Testicular cancer can be cured easily if caught early. Start watching your weight now and begin a sensible, regular exercise program.

If you intend to exercise after a long period of inactivity, get a checkup before you begin. If you have a stressful life, set aside some time to relax every day.

## In your 40s

By all means quit smoking if you haven't before. And since your body now requires fewer



calories, cut down on your food intake, too. This is the time of early menopause and the mid-life crisis. Watch out for too much stress and get your blood pressure checked regularly.

Be sure to get plenty of rest. Get your eyes checked. You may need contact lenses or glasses. Get your hearing checked, use a dental to check on gum disease and watch out for varicose veins.



## In your 50s

Age is making your digestion more sluggish. Eat more fiber in the form of fresh vegetables, fruits and grains. Avoid laxatives and stay active.

For women, this is the decade of menopause.

Symptoms like hot flashes and painful intercourse can be treated in consultation with your doctor. Mammograms should now be taken annually. Be sure to get enough calcium — as much as 1,600 milligrams a day — after menopause. Don't consume too much alcohol and don't drink alone.



## In your 60s

You may have to begin wearing a hearing aid now. About 60 percent of people need glasses at this age and 20 percent of the glasses are obsolete or incorrect prescriptions. Have regular eye checkups as your vision changes and watch for symptoms of cataracts or glaucoma. Plan your retirement years to avoid boredom and depression.

See a doctor if you develop these symptoms: painful lumps, sores that don't heal, lingering cough, dizziness, breathlessness, chest pain, leg pains when walking, lower back pain, frequent thirst or urination, ringing in the ears.

## In your 70s

Don't overmedicate yourself. Don't ask your doctor for medication you don't need and don't hoard old medicines. Protect your eyes from sunlight with optical quality sunglasses and reduce night driving. Remember to keep your eyes moving to get a complete picture of your surroundings as you drive.

Have your ears checked for impacted wax or other problems. Even if you live alone it's important to eat regularly and healthily. Get plenty of fruits and fresh vegetables in your diet.

Visit your dentist for a check of teeth or dentures, as tooth problems lead to malnutrition in many older people who can't chew.

Tend your feet and toenails, even if you have to go to a podiatrist.

Keep a pad by the phone to help your memory. Set down important dates on the pad or a calendar. Prevent falls by checking your home for hazards.



## In your 80s

You may want to consider the wisdom of driving at this age. Maybe you could keep your car, but ask a friend or relative to drive you. Or buy gas for friends in exchanges for rides in their car.

If you feel depressed, don't keep it to yourself. Share your feelings with friends, relatives or your doctor.

Naps during the day can lead to sleeplessness at night. Stay socially active and try to find a hobby that will keep you interested and busy. Be especially careful to eat nourishing and balanced meals. If you are unable to cook for yourself, there are several agencies that deliver meals to your door.



# Man nearly has baby over county's blooper!

Marilyn Bain got the shock of her life when she was informed that her husband—who she thought was childless—owed \$144 in back child support!

Marilyn's hubby Ernie was even more shocked when he got a phone call from his in-laws asking him what was going on. He was finally convinced by a misread letter sent by officials in Peoria, Ill.

"I thought maybe he had a kid I didn't know about," said Marilyn, 60, who's been wed to Ernie for 15 years.

"It was really upsetting—I lit

maintenance or child support payments."

The letter was mistakenly sent to Bain, who had paid alimony to a former wife years before and for some reason had not been cleared from the county's records.

"When you see something like that, legal-looking with a case number and all, it's quite convincing," Marilyn told THE NEWS. "It made for quite a shock. I expected officials to be apologetic about it, but they weren't."

A county spokesman said the mess was a misunderstanding.

By SUSAN JAMISON

made my stomach hurt. I called him at work and could tell by how he reacted that he was innocent."

The child-support screw-up affected about 3,000 residents of Peoria County.

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# Evil Eddie Gilbert runs down rival Jerry Lawler — with a speeding car!

By PICKAX JACK O'BRIEN

Former world wrestling champ Jerry "The King" Lawler was nearly bashed to death when his archenemy, evil Eddie Gilbert, intentionally ran him down with a speeding car!

"Eddie tried to kill Jerry, pure and simple," said a shocked bad-guy grappler who asked to remain anonymous.

"I knew those two had each other with a passion, but I never dreamed the feud would ever go that far. Even in a world as violent as ours, this is really sick."

Hours before the insane attack, Eddie and his brutal brother Doug had been suspended by the USWA commissioner for a vicious attack on fan favorite Hirschbase Brown.

The brothers lead Brown to a bloody pulp before Lawler — the People's Champion — dashed into the ring to save the fallen warrior from permanent injury.

Later, the Gilbert boys waited in ambush Lawler outside the Memphis, Tenn., arena. And when Jerry walked into the parking lot, Eddie sped over him in his car — sending him to a hospital with a concussion and severe cuts and bruises.

Doctors told the injured wrestler he'd need at least three months to recuperate. But Lawler says he can't wait that long to get his revenge against the beer-drunk brothers.

"I have asked the commissioner to lift the Gilberts' suspension so I can get my hands on them in the ring," Lawler told me. "I can do more damage to them with my fists than they did to me with their car!"

## FLASH RESULTS:

In Boston, Mass., Misty Blue did a flying reverse back flip off of the top rope and landed on Linda Dallas, who had to be carried out of the ring! Sexy Sunny Beach pranced down the aisle with five "Beach Bunnies" carrying her surfboards, sun lotion,



## He tried to kill him, says ring insider



America's hottest wrestling column

beach blankets and sunscreen. He may have made a grand entrance, but he did not do so well in the ring against Ken Patena who lifted the blond beach babe high into the air and threw him clear across the ring!

In Winnipeg, Canada, Basile Rhodes used a "Bionic Elbow" on Bob Bradley. The Barbarians hit Rugged Ronnie Garvin right in the face with his size 15 boot and then threatened the referee who had to call in other officials to help control the mad-man! The Million Dollar Man and The Big Bossman battled all over the arena in

a wild stage! Bodyguard Virgil jumped into the ring to double-team the Bossman who had to fight both men in a desperate attempt to save his skin! When the referee disqualified the two bad guys, Bossman grabbed his billy club and hit the Million Dollar Man right across his forehead, knocking him out! He then took out his handcuffs and shackled the moneyman and Virgil to each other leaving them alone in the middle of the ring to hear the boos from the thousands of fans!

In Albuquerque, N.M., The Steiner Brothers beat The Midnight Express when Scott Steiner hit Bobby Eaton with the "Frankensteiner." After the match, manager Jim Cornette hit Scott with his tennis racket, but Rick Steiner snatched Cornette in the face and he chased him back to the locker room! Big Van Vader punished Mr. X with a piledriver, a leg drop from the top rope, and the crushing "Big Splash" which drove the masked man through the mat!

## FAN'S CORNER:

Wildlife Tommy Rich is my favorite. Someone told me that he was once a champion. Is that true? — Mary Ann Parks, Rockwood, Tenn.

According to the "New Pictorial History of Wrestling" (Published by Gallery Books), "Wildfire" Tommy Rich was the youngest wrestler to ever capture a major world title. Tommy won the NWA crown from

**AMBUSHED:** The People's Champion Jerry "The King" Lawler. Darn, say he'll need at least 3 months to recuperate from Gilbert's attack. Harley Race in 1981 when he was just 22 years old.

The Legion of Doom both have awesome bodies. What is their fitness program like? — Nancy Greer, Ames, Iowa

EOD member Hawk told me, "We dine on danger and we snack on death!" I wonder if "danger" and "death" will soon be available at fast-food restaurants!

Send your questions about the wrestling scene to Pickax Jack O'Brien, Wrestling Columnist, Weekly World News, 600 South East Coast Avenue, Lantana, Fla. 33462.



## Early settlers ate and drank too much, say experts

America's colonists were where malaria was a serious and often fatal illness. They suffered from smallpox, diphtheria, yellow fever, measles, mumps and whooping cough.

They also settled in low-lying, mosquito-infested areas

after the cause of sickness.

Drunkness was not an infrequent complaint, say historians.

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ates the cause of sickness. "Ducks, hams, chickens, beef, pig, tarts, mustard, cream, yams, feda, trifles, floating islands, beer and wine."

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# 'Our kids aren't ashamed to admit they have AIDS'

By CINDY O'NEIL

Ricky, Robert and Randy Ray were just three typical young brothers until 1986 when all three were diagnosed as AIDS victims.

Since the tragedy of AIDS struck their family the Rays have been through hell and back. But the boys, sister Candy and parents Clifford and Louise pulled together as a family and fought to continue their lives and educate others about the deadly disease.

The three handsome brothers are hemophiliacs and contracted the AIDS virus from tainted blood. When the boys were diagnosed the family not only faced the heartbreak of fatal illness, but the scorn of fearful neighbors as well. The town of Arcadia, Fla., shunned them, the school board banned the boys from classes and someone burned their home.

The harassed family shied away from the media and moved to Sarasota, Fla. Warmly welcomed into their new town, the Rays began to pick up the pieces of their shattered lives.

"We almost lost track of who

## Happy workers

American workplaces are full of smiling faces—a whopping 86 percent of workers are satisfied with their jobs.

Researchers at *American Enterprise* magazine say the trend of job satisfaction has been on the upswing for the past decade.

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BROTHERS Robert, Randy and Ricky Ray, left to right, are making their memories new.

## Brave brothers live on borrowed time

we really are," said dad Clifford Ray. "We got caught in the celebrity syndrome and we didn't want the kids to forget who they are."

And so they bravely forged ahead. "We try to create more living into our lives," said mom Louise. "We don't wait until tomorrow to take a trip. We make our memories now." The tragedy of AIDS has taken its toll on the whole family. Sometimes sister Candy wishes that she had AIDS too. The healthy 8-year-old doesn't want to feel left out.

Ricky, 13, Robert, 12, and Randy, 11, try to include their little sister. Candy is invited into the boys' private meetings to talk about AIDS.

"We mostly set up the meetings so we could spend time to-

gether," said Ricky. "Because we thought we were going to die."

The children's private meetings aren't private anymore. The boys are speaking out at churches and schools.

Ricky has written a book and hopes to publish it soon. He feels that his mission in life is to teach people about AIDS.

"My kids will tell the person next to them on an airplane

that they have AIDS," said Ray. "A lot of people in the country are ashamed to admit they have AIDS. Our kids aren't ashamed. It's nothing to be ashamed of."

The past few years have been hard on the Rays and it doesn't look like it will get much easier.

"At this point, we think that

the quality of life is more important than the quantity," Louise told *The NEWS*. "We realize that every day is real precious."

"Each day we have with our kids is borrowed time. We just live day by day."

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By Countess Sophia Sabak

## ARIES Mar. 21-Apr. 19

The week ahead will be filled with wacky, fun-type events that will make you bubble with delight. Don't be surprised if it suddenly rains dollar bills!

Good financial news buys your spirits early this week. Expect more happy news over the telephone.

You've had a long dry spell in the love department, but be prepared! Things are about to change for the better.

Relax. Happiness is assured. Be understanding.

## TAURUS Apr. 20-May 20

You need a break. And once you take it, you'll be primed and ready to cash in on anything that comes your way.

The period you've been stuck in will suddenly let up. Instead of just work, you'll have plenty of play.

Colasneuse will play a major part in your life this fall. You'll notice things falling into place as if you yourself were directing it all.

An unexpected visit from an old friend could materialize into a grand romance.

## GEMINI May 21-June 20

Your daily routine has gotten too hectic and you're starting to suffer from the stress. Slow down and save life again — and especially devote your attention to the loved ones you've been neglecting.

A new acquaintance will give you a warning this week that could make a big difference in your life.

Tread carefully where domestic matters are concerned. Make no big decisions for several days.

Lots of loving comes your way on the weekend.

## CANCER June 21-July 22

Stop chasing an impossible dream lover, and come down to earth. There is still time to win back the love of the one who adores you from afar.

You are comfortable with your life now, but be prepared for a few changes. Chances are you'll like what's going to happen. Don't be too hasty in judging the situation.

People are talking about something your back because they're envious that you've come so far. Don't worry. They're really complimenting your good sense.

## LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Hang in there — good times are just around the corner.

You'll at last see an end to that unlucky streak that has discouraged you lately.

Money affairs look especially promising and your health will be super for a long spell.

Romance is everywhere this week. It's a good time to spend every extra moment with your sweetheart.

Watch for good news and weekend invitations. A phone call will introduce you to new friends.

## SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Solidity relationships with your family. A pain-in-the-neck relative will try to stir up trouble for you but with some help from the rest of the relatives, the situation will cool down.

This is a good week to put your money matters in order. Then budget a few bucks each week toward something you've longed for that could give you a new outlook on the future.

A chance encounter with a heart-throb of the past could rekindle a love you thought was long lost.

## If your birthday is this week . . .



Several exciting new prospects for advancement and prosperity will suddenly play in your lap.

Don't be greedy and try to cash in on all of them. Just one will provide financial security for the future.

Physical problems occupy you for a month or so, then suddenly, your life is shipshape!

Your first priority this year should be to list all the good and positive aspects of your life. The good life is yours for the taking.

A new acquaintance has you walking around starry-eyed. Lucky you!

## Your Lucky Lottery Numbers

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Taurus	Apr. 20 May 20	5, 14, 22, 27, 35, 44	Scorpio	Oct. 23 Nov. 21	1, 18, 23, 36, 48, 47
Gemini	May 21 June 20	4, 15, 38, 34, 37, 45	Sagittarius	Nov. 22 Dec. 21	15, 27, 28, 36, 38, 49
Cancer	June 21 July 22	3, 13, 34, 37, 38, 41	Capricorn	Dec. 22 Jan. 19	2, 14, 23, 27, 35, 45
Leo	July 23 Aug. 22	13, 16, 35, 37, 33, 39	Aquarius	Jan. 20 Feb. 18	14, 23, 26, 27, 28, 43
Virgo	Aug. 23 Sept. 22	5, 14, 24, 28, 38, 41	Pisces	Feb. 19 Mar. 20	8, 23, 32, 36, 38, 41

## LEO July 23-Aug. 22

Your luck is about to make a dramatic turnaround and you should get ready to take advantage of your good fortune. Enter contests, take chances. You can't lose.

A friend is suffering in silence and looking for a shoulder to cry on. You can help by just being a good listener.

An important household project has been neglected for too long and you are going to regret any further delays. Knock off the excuses and get down to work.

## VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Be wary of one who offers help you didn't ask for. Rely on common sense to keep you out of trouble and steer clear of an offer that sounds too good to be true.

If you keep others from claiming credit for your efforts, hard work will pay off in unexpected ways in the very near future.

Keep your nose in the grindstone now and you will be rewarded later.

Good old-fashioned loving is yours for the taking in the week ahead, so enjoy every minute of it.

## SAGITTARIUS Nov. 23-Dec. 21

How about indulging yourself for a change? Plan a day devoted to all your favorite pursuits and then blue mood you've been harboring may disappear. It's worth a try!

Distraction from all sides at week's beginning interfere with your daily routine, but by midweek, tasks are completed on time, and you can relax.

Patience and self-control will be needed to settle dispute with in-laws. Try to keep an open mind during discussions.

## CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Be prepared for unique opportunities to come knocking on your door this week.

Your financial picture is good, but be sure you consider the long term before making decisions.

Friday is lucky, and an unexpected windfall seems heaven sent — and it may be!

The weekend holds possibilities for romance as well as socializing. Consider repaying your outstanding social obligations, as conditions favor entertaining.

## AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18

At the beginning of the week, you find yourself in the winner's circle, receiving good news which sends your spirits soaring.

What seems a minor crisis could create a major money crisis, so the weekend will get off to an icy start. Tension will build and play havoc with domesticity. But those clouds should blow away in a few days.

An old friend will present a money-making proposition.

Listen carefully to this person. It could pay off!

## PISCES Feb. 19-Mar. 20

A smart move is going to add big bucks to your bank account, but it will take a good effort by you to make it happen.

Plan carefully and don't be afraid to invest.

Take a bow. During this period, a project to which you have been devoting all your spare time pays off in a big way, bringing you the satisfaction of success, and the admiration of those around you.

Reconciliation with loved ones is called for.



## ***Man shoots boss over annual bonus — then kills himself!***

An angry salesman seethed silently for weeks because he didn't think his annual bonus was big enough — and then he shot his boss and blew his own brains out.

By JACK ALEXANDER

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manager Edward Drechsler, 41, in Colonie, N.Y.

Pettinichi, 36, handed his boss a note which said, "Don't ~~come~~ with my boss." Then he fired a shot through the note which hit Drechsler in the forehead.

Drechsler was clutching his blood-matted face as Pettinichi put the .28-caliber pistol in his own mouth and pulled the trigger.

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## *Dogs have a leash on their owners*

Dogs really are a man's best friend. More than 25 percent of all dog owners say they're as attached to their pooches as they are to their spouses or kids.

Other astonishing facts discovered about the furry friends in a recent survey of 1,500 dog owners included:

- 32 percent of pouch own-

ers like their pets as much as their best friends.

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# THE WORK OF THE EVIL? ➔

Old-timers swear they saw the hand of Satan twist this steeple

The majestic old steeple stood straight and tall atop St. Thomas church for hundreds of years until the spine-chilling afternoon Satan came to town — and twisted the 50-ton tower like a flexible stick.

"My grandfather saw it with his own eyes and he said it was the most terrifying thing that ever happened to him," said pensioner Peter Smith. "It was a moment of hell on Earth, that's what he told me."

Officially, church bigwigs wrinkle their noses at the legend of Satan and the spire.

But scores of God-fearing elders in Chesterfield, England, swear it's the gospel truth.

"It was more than a hundred years ago and Granddad was a young man," said Smith, 71. "He was walking over there by the church, headed home, when a tremendous whirlwind began blowing around the steeple. There was a howling, like a hurricane, and while a crowd of people watched, the Devil appeared right in the middle of that squall. He was the

ugliest thing any of them had ever seen — half man and half beast.

"He had a man's body and a goat's head, with horns, and black eyes as shiny as coals.

"And as the wind blew around the steeple, that tower began to creak and groan like it was being wrenched right off the top of the church.

"Then the big blow died down and Lucifer was gone and that old spire, with all that lead in it, was twisted around like it was nothing."

But even the legend's most faithful believers can't explain why the Devil chose to perform his grotesque handiwork on St. Thomas church, a church built in the early 1600s.

"My Grandmother saw the whole thing, too, and she said she thought maybe he just succeeded and didn't mean to do any harm," said Eleanor Waters, 55.

"But no, I think he meant it, I think he was just being angry."

## Daughter sells couple's furniture — while they are away on vacation!

Gene and Carolyn Caylor went away on vacation and came back to an empty house — after their daughter auctioned off everything they owned for a few hundred dollars! But the Bettendorf, Iowa, couple say 28-year-old Kimberly Caylor did leave a few things behind: Her two kids, aged 4 and 15 months.

"We haven't got a clue as to why she did it," said shocked Gene Caylor, a meat packing plant supervisor. "She was living with us and working part-time. She had no problems that we know of. We got most of our things back, but we're still pressing charges. She was paid just \$500 for over \$6,000 worth of stuff."

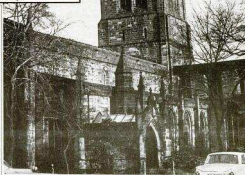
According to police, Kimberly went her 4-year-old off on a short vacation with the Caylor while she stayed home in Bettendorf with her baby. On the day her parents left, Kimberly began calling auction houses in the area until she

By SUSAN JIMISON

found one that would buy the Caylor's furnishings, police say.

The next day she dropped her baby off at a sister's house and went back to her parents' to supervise the loading of all their possessions into an auction company's truck, according to police. Then she took the money and ran, they say.

"The Caylor's other daughter drove by and saw everything out in the front yard," said Det. Rick Decker of the Bettendorf Police Department. "She called her parents at their vacation home in Wisconsin. Kimberly left a note to her mom and dad that said, 'Have no choice. I was in trouble. If you don't say it was me, you can collect on insurance. Love, Kimberly.'"



## Cupid's love life was a write-off too

A budding young romance not only couldn't make a go of it, but it was a write-off for the romantic letter-writing businessmen — but got dumped by his girlfriend, too.

Mike Hulze figured he was as good at composing love let-

ters that he went into the business of writing them for other people.

But he closed down his business after two weeks and only one customer.

When his own sweetheart

gave him the boot, the 19-year-old student from Westington, England, wrote her a letter.

She didn't even reply.

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**The most incredible photo you'll ever see!**

# THIS WOMAN SURVIVED 10,000 VOLTS!

A 33-year-old woman miraculously survived a trip to the electric chair and we've got the pictures to prove it!

The dramatic photos clearly show Helen Hix crying before her scheduled execution and clawing the arms of the electric chair after an official turned on the juice.

By  
**CHRISTIAN STEELE**

Journalist Richard Stinson posed as a priest and smuggled a camera into the prison to get the pictures. He actually heard the woman scream, "Let me go. Don't do it again," after she survived three 10,000 volt surges in the chair.

"They hit her with everything they had and still couldn't kill her," said Stinson. "Prison officials were beside themselves and after a brief discussion, they walked her to the prison infirmary."

"Her head, wrists and legs were badly burned and she obviously suffered some brain and nerve damage because her speech was slurred and she was trembling all over."

"The authorities aren't talking. But sources tell me that officials consider the woman's survival to be an 'act of God' and will probably release her."

The chances of Stinson getting inside the Singapore prison to take pictures — much less photograph the first electric chair survivor in history — are almost beyond comprehension. But his luck was preceded by months of legwork in which he gained the confidence of prison insiders who helped him get the photos without being detected.

"I took a personal interest in the Hix case during her trial for drug smuggling because I was convinced that she had been framed," said Stinson.

"She received a 50-year sentence but I learned that she had been taken to one of Singapore's notorious 'secret prisons' where illegal executions are carried out routinely. Even if I



**DOOMED** woman in tears moments before she was strapped into electric chair.

couldn't save Miss Hix, I wanted to document and expose what had been going on in these secret prisons. As it turned out she didn't die and I got the story and pictures.

"It couldn't have turned out better for either of us."

Singapore officials angrily deny the reporter's allegations and say that illegal executions "have not and will never take place" on the island — a former British colony where English is widely spoken.

Regardless of the denial, Stinson's pictures prove that there has been at least one unauthorized execution attempt.



**HIDDEN** camera caught this view of Helen Hix in her cell.

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